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27 and  
28 NEVADA DIVISION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

NEVADA POWER COMPANY,  
Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSENT DECREE**

Concurrently with the lodging of this Consent Decree, Plaintiffs United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and State of Nevada, on behalf of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP"), have filed a Complaint in this action pursuant to Sections 113 and 304, respectively, of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7413 and 7604, alleging that Defendant Nevada Power Company ("Defendant" or "NPC") violated the Act at its Reid Gardner Generating Station coal-fired power plant located near Moapa, Nevada (the "Facility").

The Complaint alleges that NPC regularly exceeded the twenty percent opacity limit and the associated record keeping and reporting requirements at all four coal-fired electric generating units ("EGU's") at the Facility, in violation of the Nevada Administrative Code § 445.721 of the SIP. Moreover, the Complaint alleges that NPC violated the monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements of its Operating Permit, and as set forth in the fifty-six Notices of Alleged Violation issued by NDEP (Docket Numbers 1862 through 1907 and 1942 through 1951) and a Notice of Violation issued by EPA R9-06-10.

NPC denies any liability to the United States or the State of Nevada arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the Complaint, and maintains that it has been and remains in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations and permits and is not liable for civil penalties and injunctive relief as alleged in the Complaint.

The Parties recognize, and the Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith and will avoid litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony, without the adjudication or admission of any issue of fact or law except as provided in Section I below, and with the consent of the Parties, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1345, and 1355, and Section 113(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b), and over the Parties. Venue lies in this District pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1395(a), because the violations alleged in the Complaint occurred in, and NPC conducts business in, this judicial District. Solely for purposes of entering and enforcing this Decree under the terms herein, NPC consents to the Court's jurisdiction and venue in this judicial District.

2. Solely for purposes of entering and enforcing this Consent Decree under the terms herein, NPC agrees that the Complaint states claims upon which relief may be granted pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Act.

3. Notice of the commencement of this action has been given to the State of Nevada, as required by Section 113(b) of the Act.

4. On December 2, 2004, and July 19, 2005, NDEP issued a total of fifty-six Notices of Alleged Violation to NPC, consisting of docket numbers 1862 through 1907 and 1942 through 1951.

5. EPA issued a Notice of Violation to NPC, docket number R9-06-10, dated June 21, 2006.

II. APPLICABILITY

6. The obligations of this Consent Decree apply to and are binding upon the United States, the State of Nevada, and upon NPC and its successors or assigns.

7. Any transfer of ownership or operation of the Facility to any other person must be conditioned upon the transferee's agreement: (i) to subject itself to the jurisdiction of this Court as the defendant in this Consent Decree, and (ii) to perform all remaining obligations of NPC required by this Decree, as provided in a written agreement between NPC and the proposed transferee, enforceable by the United States and/or State of Nevada as third-party beneficiaries of such agreement. At least 30 days prior to such transfer, NPC shall provide a copy of this Consent Decree to the proposed transferee. At least 15 days prior to such transfer, NPC shall provide

1 written notice of the prospective transfer, together with a copy of the proposed written agreement,  
 2 to the Plaintiffs, pursuant to Section XV (Notices) of this Decree. If NPC attempts to transfer  
 3 ownership or operation of the Facility without complying with this Paragraph, it shall constitute a  
 4 violation of this Paragraph. NPC shall remain obligated to ensure that the terms of the Decree are  
 5 implemented until: (i) Defendant has paid the civil penalty as required by Section IV (Civil  
 6 Penalty); (ii) with respect to operations by NPC prior to transfer of ownership or operation of the  
 7 Facility, Defendant has either paid any accrued stipulated penalties owed to the United States and  
 8 State of Nevada pursuant to Section IX (Stipulated Penalties) or any disputes relating to stipulated  
 9 penalties have been resolved pursuant to Section XI (Dispute Resolution); and (iii) the transferee  
 10 is substituted by the Court as a defendant under this Decree.

11 8. NPC shall provide a copy of this Consent Decree to all officers and employees  
 12 whose primary duties include compliance with any provision of this Decree, as well as to any  
 13 entity retained to perform on-site compliance requirements found in Section V of this Consent  
 14 Decree. NPC shall include the provisions of Appendix A in any such contract.

15 9. In any action to enforce this Consent Decree, NPC shall not raise as a defense the  
 16 failure by any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, or contractors to take any actions  
 17 necessary to comply with the provisions of this Consent Decree.

### 18 III. DEFINITIONS

19 10. Terms used in this Consent Decree that are defined in the Act or in regulations  
 20 promulgated pursuant to the Act shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act or such  
 21 regulations, unless otherwise provided in this Decree. Whenever the terms set forth below are  
 22 used in this Consent Decree, the following definitions shall apply:

23 a. "2006 dollars" shall mean the value of a cost incurred, or benefit accrued,  
 24 in future years, converted to 2006 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. This value shall be  
 25 calculated using the following equation, where 20XX is the year in which the money is expended  
 26 by the NPC, or the benefit is accrued, and "CPI" is the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the  
 27 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics:

28 2006 CPI

1 ----- X cost incurred (or benefit accrued) in year 20XX = "2006 Dollars"  
2 20XX CPI

3 b. "Baghouse" shall mean a pollution control device designed to reduce  
4 emissions of particulate matter from the Facility's boiler exhaust through the use of filter bags;

5 c. "CCDAQM" shall mean the Clark County Department of Air Quality  
6 Management, located in Clark County, Nevada;

7 d. "CCSD" shall mean the Clark County School District, located in Clark  
8 County, Nevada;

9 e. "Commence Construction" is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 51.165(a)(1)(xvi);

10 f. "Complaint" shall mean the Complaint filed by the United States and State  
11 of Nevada in this action;

12 g. "Consent Decree" or "Decree" shall mean this Decree and Appendices A -  
13 C attached hereto;

14 h. "Day" shall mean a calendar day unless expressly stated to be a working  
15 day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall  
16 on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the  
17 next working day;

18 i. "Defendant" shall mean Nevada Power Company;

19 j. "ERC" shall mean Emission Reduction Credit;

20 k. "EGU" shall mean an electric generating unit at the Facility;

21 l. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and  
22 any of its successor departments or agencies;

23 m. "Facility" shall mean NPC's Reid Gardner Generating Station located near  
24 Moapa, Nevada;

25 n. "Integrated Resource Plan" shall mean the same as that term is defined in  
26 NAC § 704.9156;

27 o. "NDEP" shall mean the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection,  
28 located in Carson City, Nevada;

p. "Opacity Compliance Period" shall begin upon the Effective Date of this Decree and terminate thirty-six months after the Effective Date of this Decree, or upon the date the baghouses for Units 1-3 begin operation pursuant to Paragraph 16, or upon decommissioning of Units 1-3, pursuant to Paragraph 16(b), whichever is sooner.

q. "Opacity Exceedance" shall mean any 6 minute block opacity average as determined by the continuous opacity monitors (COMS) for Units 1-4, which is greater than 20 percent, except those exceedances which are exempted due to water vapor interference from uncombined water, as provided for by the SIP, NAC § 445B.22017(2);

r. "Operating Permit" shall mean the Facility's Class I Air Quality Operating Permit No. AP4911-0897, required for operation of the Facility under Title V of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7661-7661f, and is the same permit required pursuant to Title 40 Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 445B, et seq.;

s. "Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the State of Nevada;

t. "PUCN" shall mean the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada;

u. "Nevada" or "State of Nevada" shall mean the State of Nevada on behalf of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection;

v. "NO<sub>x</sub>" shall mean the sum of oxides of nitrogen in the flue gas, collectively expressed as NO<sub>2</sub>;

w. "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Decree identified by an Arabic numeral;

x. "Parties" shall mean the United States, State of Nevada and Defendant;

y. "ROFA Project" shall mean NPC's installation of a rotating opposed-fire air system in Unit 4. The ROFA Project is being undertaken by NPC for reasons other than compliance with the Operating Permit and is not otherwise required by law.

z. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Decree identified by a Roman numeral;

aa. "SIP" shall mean the Nevada State Implementation Plan, approved by EPA pursuant to section 110 of the Clean Air Act;

bb. "SO<sub>2</sub>" shall mean sulfur dioxide;

cc. "Unit #1" shall mean the existing 1965 Foster Wheeler Carolina type, wet bottom, eight-burner front-fired, pulverized coal, positive draft, 110 MW steam generator at the Facility;

dd. "Unit #2" shall mean the existing 1968 Foster Wheeler Carolina type, wet bottom, eight-burner front-fired, pulverized coal, positive draft, 110 MW steam generator at the Facility;

ee. "Unit #3," shall mean the existing 1976 Foster Wheeler Carolina type, wet bottom, eight-burner front-fired, pulverized coal, balanced draft, 110 MW steam generator at the Facility;

ff. "Unit #4" shall mean the existing 1983 Foster Wheeler Carolina Type, wet bottom, sixteen-burner front-fired pulverized coal, negative draft, 295 MW generator at the Facility;

gg. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, acting on behalf

#### IV. CIVIL PENALTY

11. Within 10 business days after NPC receives notice from the United States that this Consent Decree has been lodged, NPC shall deposit the sum of \$1,110,000 as a civil penalty into an escrow account bearing interest on commercially reasonable terms, in a federally chartered bank ("Escrow Account"). If the Consent Decree is not entered by the Court, and the time for any appeal of that decision has run or if the Court's denial of entry is upheld on appeal, the money deposited in the Escrow Account, together with the accrued interest thereon, shall be returned to the United States. If the Consent Decree is entered by the Court, NPC shall, within 10 business days after receiving notice from the United States thereof, cause the money placed in the Escrow Account, together with accrued interest thereon, to be paid to the United States and NDEP, as a civil penalty, as follows:

a. Payment of \$340,000.00, plus 30% of accrued interest shall be made by Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with



1 instructions to be provided to NPC by the Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office  
 2 for the District of Nevada. At the time of payment, NPC shall simultaneously send written notice  
 3 of payment and a copy of any transmittal documentation (which should reference DOJ case  
 4 number 90-5-2-1-08653 and the civil action number of this case) to the United States in  
 5 accordance with Section XVI (Notices) of this Decree.

6           b.       Payment of \$770,000.00, plus 70% of accrued shall be made by cashier's  
 7 check, made payable to the "State of Nevada – Account for Management of Air Quality," and  
 8 sent via registered, certified or overnight mail to:

9                   Mike Elges  
 10                   Chief, Bureau of Air Pollution Control  
 11                   Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
 12                   901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
 13                   Carson City, NV 89701

14 At the time of payment, NPC shall simultaneously send written notice of payment and a copy of  
 15 any transmittal documentation to the State of Nevada in accordance with Section XVI (Notices)  
 16 of this Decree.

17       12.       If the NPC fails to make timely payment to the United States of the civil penalty  
 18 set forth in Section IV. Paragraph 11(a), above, it shall be liable to the United States for interest  
 19 on the late payment as provided for at 28 U.S.C. § 1961. If NPC fails to make timely payment to  
 20 the State of Nevada of the civil penalty set forth in Section IV. Paragraph 11(b), above, it shall be  
 21 liable to Nevada for interest on the late payment at the same rate as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1961.  
 22 If NPC fails to make timely payment to either of the Plaintiffs, it shall also be liable for stipulated  
 23 penalties, as set forth in Section IX (Stipulated Penalties).

24       13.       Any payment made pursuant to Section IV (Civil Penalty) of this Consent Decree  
 25 is a penalty within the meaning of Section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.  
 26 § 162(f), and is not a tax deductible expenditure for purposes of federal, state, or local law.  
 27 Neither NPC nor any of its parent or affiliated corporations shall deduct NPC's payment of the  
 28 civil penalty provided for herein for any tax purpose or otherwise obtain favorable tax treatment  
 of such civil penalty payment.

V. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

14. In order to prevent opacity emission violations, as well as other violations at the Facility as identified in the Complaint, NPC shall comply with the requirements of this Section.

15. Igniter Installation Project. NPC shall replace the fuel oil igniters for Units 1-4 at the Facility by installing natural gas igniters in Units 1-4; replace the Burner Management System for Units 1-4 as necessary to operate natural gas igniters; construct a natural gas pipeline connecting the Facility to the Kern River Natural Gas Pipeline; and undertake any other modifications at the Facility necessary to operate natural gas igniters in Units 1-4.

a. NPC shall complete construction of the Igniter Installation Project required by this Paragraph no later than twenty-four months (24) after the Effective Date of this Decree. Beginning twenty-four (24) months after the Effective Date of this Decree NPC shall not use oil for start-up or flame stabilization of any EGU at the facility.

16. Installation and Operation of Baghouses. By no later than thirty-six (36) months after the Effective Date of this Decree NPC shall complete construction and begin operating three separate Baghouses at the Facility, for Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

a. If construction of any one of the three Baghouses is not completed by within thirty-six (36) months after the Effective Date of this Decree NPC may, in its discretion, shut down and cease the operation of any one of the Units not operating a Baghouse at the Facility. NPC may, at its discretion, recommence operation of a Unit shutdown pursuant to this paragraph, provided that construction of a baghouse for the Unit is complete and the baghouse is operational.

b. If NPC does not receive approval from the PUCN for the installation and operation of the Baghouses for Units 1-3 in its Integrated Resource Plan, NPC may, in its sole discretion, choose to decommission Units 1-3. If NPC chooses to decommission Units 1-3 pursuant to this Paragraph, the following shall apply:

i. NPC shall notify the EPA and NDEP in writing, pursuant to Section XVI (Notices), that it intends to decommission Units 1-3 no later than November 30, 2007, or

1 within one year of the PUCN decision on NPC's Integrated Resource Plan, whichever is sooner;  
2 and

3 ii. NPC shall shut down and permanently cease operation of Units 1-3  
4 on or before November 30, 2008.

5 17. Monitoring, Recordkeeping, and Reporting. NPC shall comply with the  
6 monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements set forth in the Operating Permit.

7 VI. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDITING

8 18. NPC shall implement an Environmental Compliance Plan at the Facility, and  
9 conduct audits in accordance with the Plan at the Facility, as further specified in this Section.  
10 Violations disclosed in the audits required by Section VI shall be deemed to meet the "voluntary  
11 discovery" condition of EPA's policy entitled "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery,  
12 Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations" (65 Fed. Reg. 19,618, April 11, 2000).

13 19. Implementation of Environmental Compliance Plan. No later than 10 days after  
14 the Effective Date of this Decree, NPC shall implement the Environmental Compliance Plan,  
15 attached in Appendix B, at the Facility, setting forth policies, procedures, and controls to assure  
16 ongoing compliance with its Operating Permit and any other applicable requirements pursuant to  
17 the Act and SIP.

18 a. The Environmental Compliance Plan required by Paragraph 18, and  
19 attached in Appendix B, shall be materially modified after consultation and agreement between  
20 the Parties. A material modification does not include changes in NPC personnel, outside  
21 contractors used by NPC or software systems described in the Environmental Compliance Plan.  
22 If a modification to the Environmental Compliance Plan is agreed upon by all of the Parties, NPC  
23 shall provide a copy of the modified Plan to NDEP and EPA, as required pursuant to Section XVI  
24 (Notices).

25 20. Title V Air Quality Operating Permit Audits. No later than 6 months after the  
26 Effective Date of this Decree, NPC shall complete its initial audit of its compliance with its Title  
27 V Air Quality Operating Permit, as specified in Section 14 of its Environmental Compliance Plan,  
28 attached in Appendix B. This initial audit will be the first of a series of four Title V compliance

1 audits conducted at the Facility. Each one of the four audits will focus only on one of the  
2 following aspects of the Operating Permit and the associated state and federal regulations: (1)  
3 monitoring, reporting and record-keeping; (2) continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS)  
4 and continuance opacity monitoring system (COMS) operation, maintenance and software; (3)  
5 emission exceedances; and, (4) an internal audit of overall environmental compliance  
6 management. All four of these audits shall be completed within 18 months after the Effective  
7 Date of this Decree. The audits shall be memorialized by final written reports provided to EPA  
8 and NDEP within 10 days of completion of each audit.

9           a.       NPC shall select a third-party auditor to conduct the audits required by this  
10 Paragraph, with the exception of the overall environmental compliance management audit, which  
11 will be done internally. The third-party auditors shall: (i) have expertise and competence in the  
12 applicable environmental requirements; (ii) the lead auditor shall have at least attained a  
13 bachelor's degree at an accredited institution; (iii) not be an employee or former employee of  
14 NPC, nor its parent or affiliated corporations; (iv) not own any stock in NPC, or in any parent or  
15 affiliated corporations, nor have a financial stake in the outcome of the audits required under this  
16 Section of the Decree; and (v) be capable of exercising independent judgment and discipline. If  
17 NPC, or any parent or affiliated corporation, has had a previous contractual relationship with the  
18 auditor selected under this Paragraph, NPC shall disclose to EPA and NDEP, pursuant to Section  
19 XVI (Notices), the nature of the previous contractual relationships.

20           b.       Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this Decree, NPC shall submit, in  
21 writing, to EPA and NDEP, pursuant to Section XVI (Notices): (i) the name, affiliation, and  
22 address of the auditors selected by NPC to conduct the audits required by this Section; and (ii)  
23 documentation demonstrating that the auditors satisfy the requirements of Paragraph 20(a). If the  
24 Plaintiffs determine that the proposed auditor does not meet the qualifications set forth in  
25 Paragraph 20(a), or that a past or existing relationship with the auditor would affect the auditor's  
26 ability to exercise the independent judgment and discipline required to conduct the audit, the  
27 Plaintiffs reserve the right to disapprove of the auditor within 25 days after EPA and NDEP have  
28 both received the notice of the proposed auditor from NPC pursuant to this Paragraph, and

1 another auditor shall be proposed by NPC for approval within 30 days of NPC's receipt of the  
2 disapproval.

3 c. If, at any time, NPC wishes to hire a new auditor, NPC shall notify the  
4 EPA and NDEP in writing, pursuant to Section XVI (Notices), with an explanation for the  
5 change. Any subsequent auditor must satisfy the qualification requirements of Paragraph 20(a).  
6 The procedural requirements in Paragraph 20(b) shall apply to the selection of a new auditor.

7 21. Each submission required under this Section shall be signed by an official with  
8 knowledge of the auditing process at the Facility and shall bear the certification language set forth  
9 in Paragraph 40, below. Any submission made by NPC will not be complete for purposes of  
10 meeting the deadlines specified by this Section, unless it meets the requirements of this  
11 Paragraph.

## 12 VII. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

13 22. NOx Emission Reduction Credit Donation Project. No later than six months after  
14 the Effective Date of this Decree, NPC shall apply to CCAQMD for NOx ERCs associated with  
15 the ROFA Project. NPC shall reduce any application to CCAQMD for NOx ERCs generated by  
16 the ROFA Project by 282 tons per year of NOx ERCs, or 30 percent, whichever is greater, of the  
17 decrease in NOx emissions to be achieved by the ROFA Project calculated using a two year  
18 average baseline, consisting of Unit 4 NOx acid rain data from a period between 2001 and 2005,  
19 pursuant to CCAQMD regulations. This reduction shall not be used by NPC in any other  
20 application for ERCs, or for netting or determining contemporaneous decreases for New Source  
21 Review (NSR) and/or Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Program purposes. NPC's  
22 ROFA Project is for reasons other than compliance with the Operating Permit.

23 a. Within ten days of submitting any NOx ERC application to CCDAQM,  
24 NPC shall provide a copy of the application to EPA and NDEP, pursuant to Section XVI  
25 (Notices) of this Consent Decree.

26 b. If the ROFA Project does not achieve a NOx reduction of at least 282 tons  
27 per year on or before two years after the Effective Date of this Decree, NPC shall pay to the  
28 United States, pursuant to Paragraph 54, an amount determined by the following formula:

(280 – [Actual NOx Reduction in tons per year achieved by ROFA Project]) × \$10,639

23. SO<sub>2</sub> Limitations and Operating Permit Modification.

a. Beginning on the Effective Date of this Decree, measured separately, Units 1, 2 and 3 shall not have SO<sub>2</sub> emissions in excess of .40 LB/MMBtu, based on a 10 day rolling average period.)

b. Compliance with the SO<sub>2</sub> emission limitations in this Paragraph shall be demonstrated with SO<sub>2</sub> CEMS and the procedures established in the appropriate section of NPC's Operating Permit.

c. In accord with Section XII (Permits), NPC shall modify its Operating Permit to include the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions limitations required by this Paragraph.

24. Energy Savings Project for Clark County School District. NPC shall perform projects for the Clark County School District that will result in reducing the amount of energy consumed by CCSD's facilities. These projects will result in a quantifiable and verifiable annual energy bill savings of over \$500,000, and cumulative energy bill savings in excess of \$4 million, in 2006 Dollars, to CCSD no later than seven years after the Effective Date of this Decree.

25. Clark County School District Energy Savings Project Completion Report. No later than July 30, 2014, Defendant shall submit a Completion Report to NDEP, pursuant to Section XVI (Notices). The Completion Report shall contain the information required below, in Paragraph 25 (a)-(f). NPC shall use reasonable efforts to collect any information from third-parties, including CCSD, necessary for the Completion Report.

a. a detailed description of the CCSD Energy Savings Project as implemented since the Effective Date of the Decree;

b. a description of any problems encountered in completing the CCSD Energy Project and the solutions thereto;

c. a detailed analysis of the energy savings achieved by the project, presented both in terms of (i) avoided Kwhs and/or decatherms of natural gas, and (ii) cost savings, cumulatively and annually, to the CCSD in 2006 Dollars. This analysis will reference the following measurement and verification protocols: International Performance Measurement and



1 Verification Protocol; the Measurement and Verification Guidelines for Federal Energy Projects  
2 (Federal Energy Management Program, U.S. Department of Energy); and the American Society  
3 of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE) Guidelines on  
4 Measuring Energy and Demand Savings;

5 d. a detailed analysis of CCSD's projected energy annual energy savings in  
6 2006 Dollars expected due to the project, using the following measurement and verification  
7 protocols: International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol; the Measurement  
8 and Verification Guidelines for Federal Energy Projects; and the ASHRAE Guidelines on  
9 Measuring Energy and Demand Savings;

10 e. certification that the CCSD Energy Savings Project has been fully  
11 implemented pursuant to the provisions of this Decree, and has resulted in both cumulative cost  
12 savings and projected annual cost savings to CCSD, required by Paragraph 24; and

13 f. a description of the environmental and public health benefits resulting from  
14 implementation of the project (with a quantification of the benefits and pollutant reductions, if  
15 feasible).

16 26. Within 30 days of its receipt of the Completion Report pursuant to Paragraph 25,  
17 NDEP may request additional information from NPC, in addition to that described in Paragraph  
18 25, if necessary to determine the adequacy of the completion of the CCSD Energy Savings  
19 Project and/or to evaluate the economic benefit of the project to CCSD. NPC shall respond to a  
20 request from NDEP pursuant to this Paragraph within 90 days, and shall use reasonable efforts to  
21 collect any information necessary to respond to NDEP's inquiry.

22 27. If the project has not been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the  
23 requirements of this Consent Decree, or if the cumulative and annual energy savings realized by  
24 CCSD as a result of NPC's project are less than the amounts required by Paragraph 24, above, the  
25 State of Nevada may assess Stipulated Penalties pursuant to Paragraph 50.

26 28. With regard to the environmental projects required by this Section, NPC certifies  
27 the truth and accuracy, to its knowledge, of each of the following:  
28

1           a.       that all cost information provided to the Plaintiffs in connection with the  
2 Plaintiffs' approval of the environmental projects in this Decree is complete and accurate and  
3 represents a fair estimate of the costs necessary to implement the projects;

4           b.       that, as of the date of executing this Decree, NPC is not required to perform  
5 or develop the environmental projects by any federal, State, or local law or regulation and is not  
6 required to perform or develop the projects by agreement, grant, or as injunctive relief awarded in  
7 any other action in any forum;

8           c.       that NPC has not received, and is not negotiating to receive, credit for the  
9 environmental projects in any other enforcement action; and

10          d.       that NPC may finance and pay for the environmental projects as allowed  
11 under Nevada law as a regulated utility, but will not receive any reimbursement for any portion of  
12 the environmental projects from any unrelated third-party, governmental grant, foundation or  
13 charitable organization.

14          29.      Disputes concerning the satisfactory performance of the environmental projects  
15 required by this Section may be resolved under Section XI (Dispute Resolution) of this Decree.

16          30.      Each submission required under this Section shall be signed by an official with  
17 knowledge of the environmental project and shall bear the certification language set forth in  
18 Paragraph 40, below.

19          31.      Any official public statement, oral or written, in print, film, or other media, made  
20 by NPC, or its parent or affiliated corporations, making reference to the environmental projects  
21 required under this Section shall include the following language: "This project was required by  
22 the terms of a Consent Decree entered into with the State of Nevada and the U.S. Environmental  
23 Protection."

24          32.      Neither NPC nor any of its parent or affiliated corporations shall deduct the costs  
25 associated with the environmental projects required by this Section for any tax purpose, or  
26 otherwise obtain favorable tax treatment of such costs.